

Maryland Historical Trust
Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Maryland Route 30/Manchester Bypass Project

1. Name (indicate preferred name)historic Berwager Farmand/or common Bentz Farm**2. Location**street & number 3727 Water Tank Road not for publicationcity, town Millers X vicinity congressional district 6thstate Maryland county Carroll County**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u>	<u>museum</u>
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>	<u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>	<u>X</u> private residence
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>	<u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>government</u>	<u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>	<u>transportation</u>
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>	<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name Michael Bentzstreet & number 3727 Water Tank Road telephone no. _____city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Tax Assessor liber Block 1street & number Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street folio Lot 135city, town Westminster state Maryland**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**title N/A

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CARR 1512

Condition

☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☒ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Berwager Farmstead complex is comprised of a late-nineteenth-century frame I-house, barn, summer house, springhouse and sheds. The farm is a horse farm and has maintained its nineteenth century agricultural theme.

House (c1875, modern additions)

According to Mrs. Bentz, the house was built circa 1875. The 2-1/2 story, clapboard I-house is two bays by one bay with one-over-one sash and vinyl siding. The metal gable roof is parallel to the road and a concrete porch with wood posts and balustrade traverses the principal [north] elevation. Fenestration is regular with one-over-one sash.

A two story, two bay by one bay addition is affixed to the main block's south elevation. This addition was the kitchen area for the previous owner and the starting point of a fire that partially destroyed the addition. The current owners restored the structure and also use the area as a kitchen.

A 2-1/2 story, two bay by one bay, vinyl-sided addition was built by the current owner onto the southern elevation of the kitchen. A gallery was created on the west elevation with a porch on the second story. The metal gable roof is parallel to the main block and there is a wraparound wood porch that extends from the principal [south] facade across the east elevation. Fenestration is regular with one-over-one sash.

Summer House (c1875, modern alterations)

The 1-1/2 story summer house is one room with a loft area. Two bays by two bays, the clapboard structure is currently used as a tenant house and the interior has been renovated and modernized.

Barn (c1875)

The 2-1/2 story, frame bank barn is four bays by three bays with metal gable roof topped with ventilator cupola, perpendicular to the main house. There are two, 6 lite windows with arched lintels on the ramp [west] elevation and an unsupported forebay with brick end walls oriented towards the east. The stall area in the lower level has original rough-hewn timbers for floor joists.

Outbuildings (c1875 and modern)

To the north of the barn is a 1-1/2 story, frame carriage house/corn crib combination with asphalt shingle roof parallel to the main house. A modern, cinder block garage is situated between the barn and summer house and a fieldstone and frame spring house is located east of the main house in a pasture with several frame sheds for the horses.

Contributing Resources: 5

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance - Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other(specify)

Specific dates
c1875

Builder/Architect

Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Berwager Farm does not appear on the 1862 Martenet Atlas, however, another Berwager Farm is listed closer to Miller's Station Road. CARR-1512 is listed on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas [owner - Berwager] and the 1916 Rand Mc Nally Atlas [owner - Wentz].

The Berwager Farm is part of the agricultural community east of Manchester. This area forms a triangle bordered by Water Town Road, Miller's Station Road and the Big Grave stream. The majority of farms in this triangle were part of 18th century agricultural patents and have retained their agricultural theme into the twentieth century, although modern dwellings and other intrusions now dot the landscape. Many of the log structures within the area may possibly have been part of the original patents.

Evaluation:

The Berwager Farm, constructed c1875, is not eligible for the National Register. The property is not eligible under Criterion A; no significant events historically or agriculturally have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no persons significant in local, state or national history have been determined to have been associated with the property. The property is also not eligible under Criterion C; the major addition to and modernization of the farmhouse, and the modernization of the former summer kitchen, have seriously damaged the property's integrity. There are other rural properties within the study area and the county that better represent the property's form and period.

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Eligibility recommended _____
Comments _____

Eligibility not recommended XX

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 8/28/98
Date: 11

[Signature]

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1 to 24,000

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Zone	Easting	Northing

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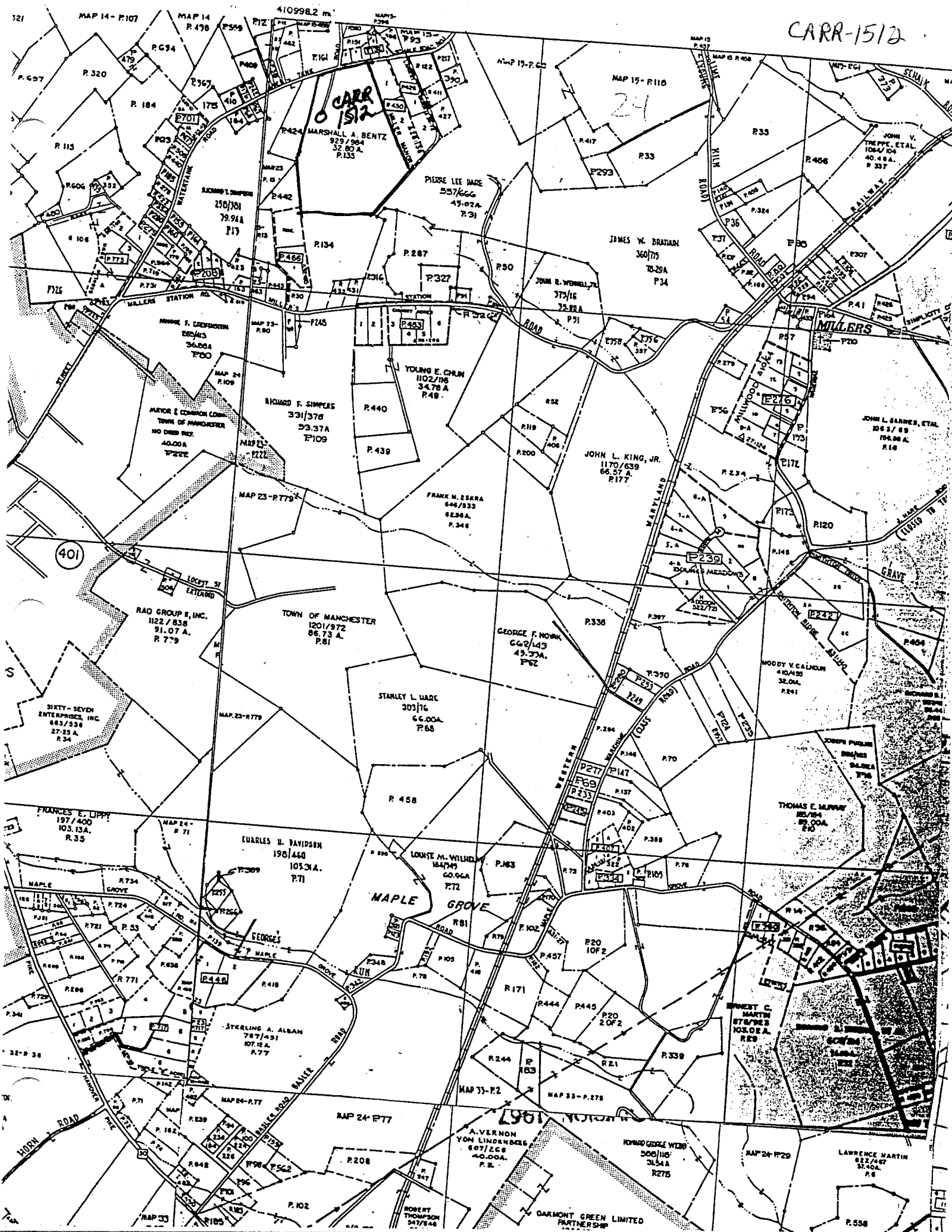
Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition - AD 1815-1870
Industrial-Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture/Agricultural

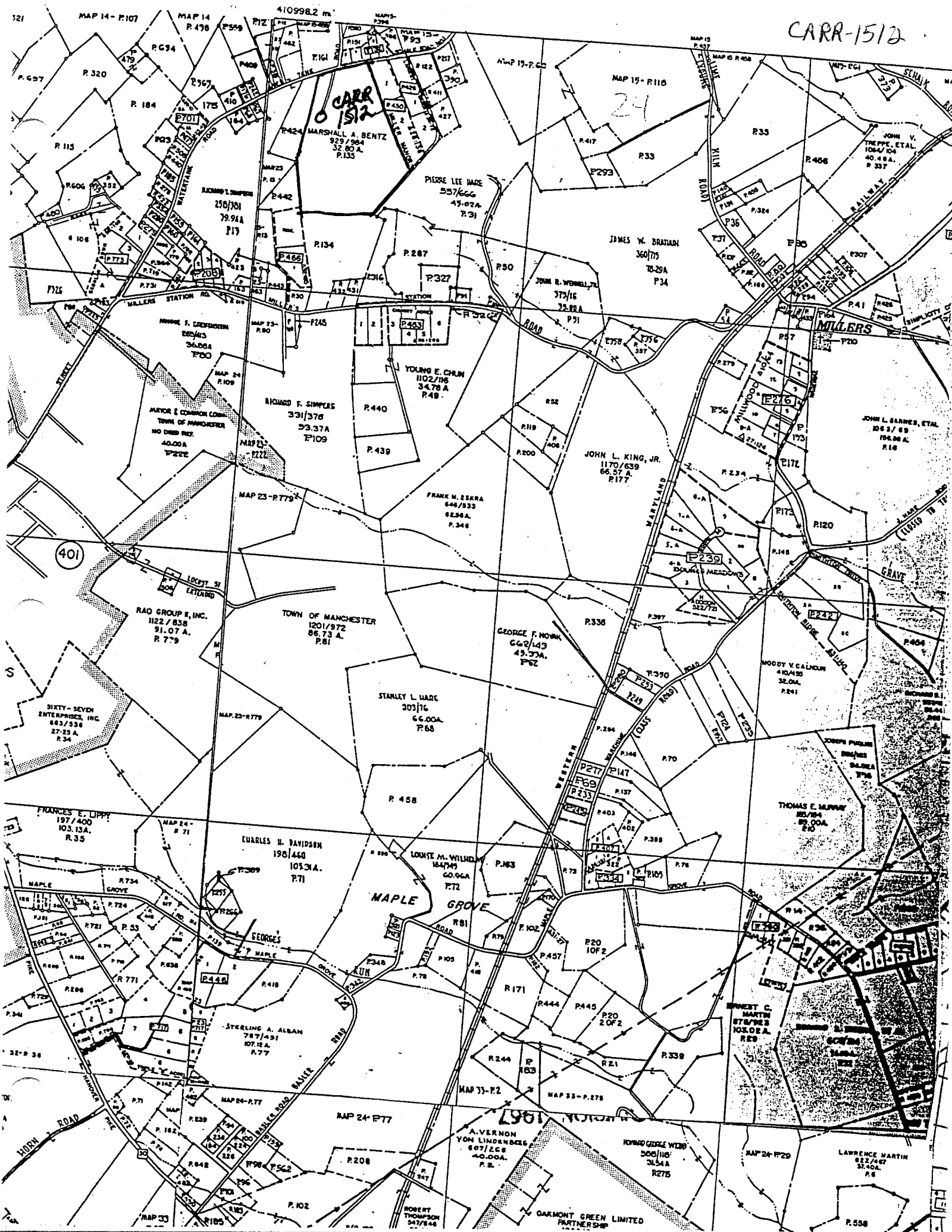
Resource Types: Farm, Farmstead



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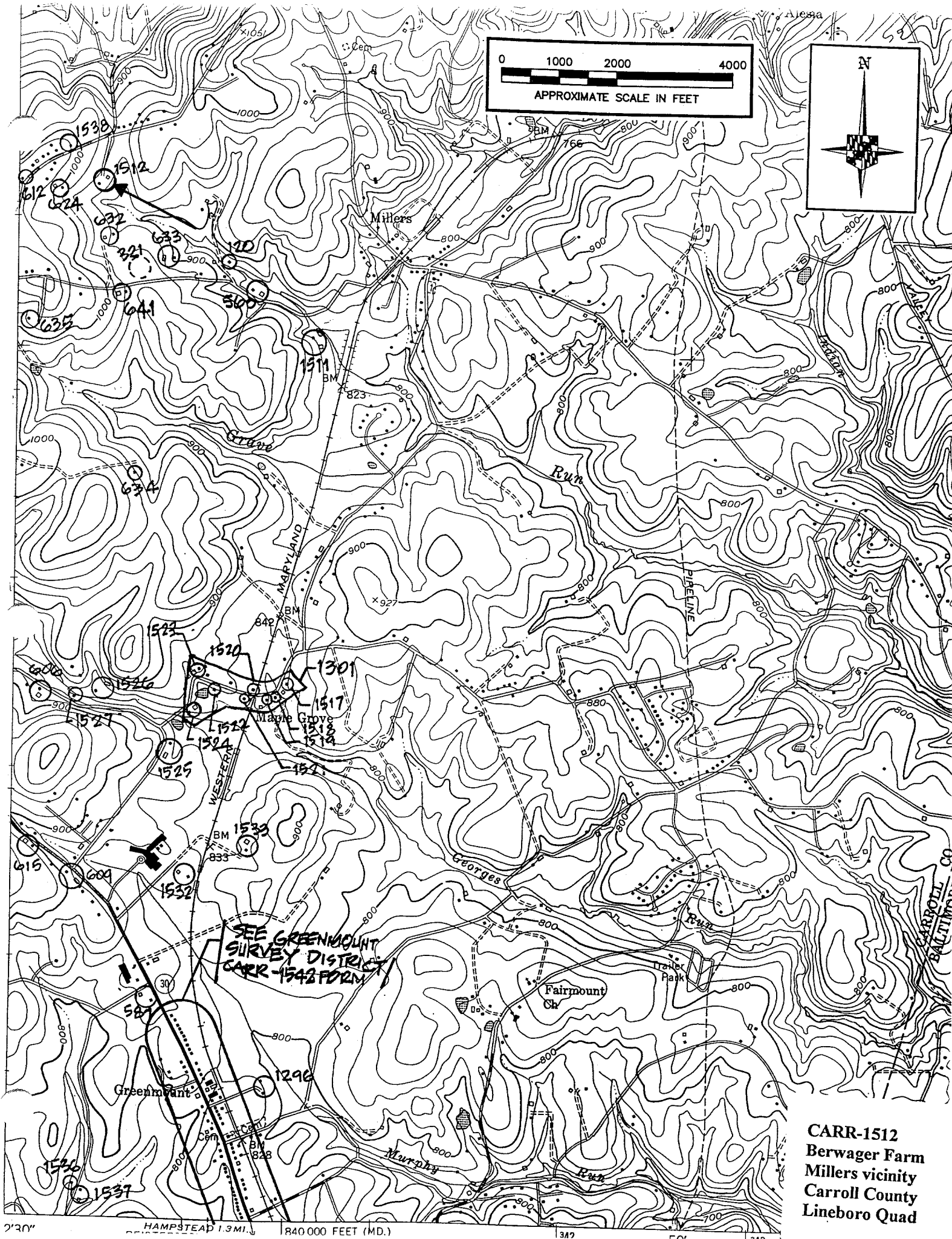
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Berwager Farm
Millers vicinity
Carroll County
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1. CARR 1512
2. CARROLL County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz Farm - house - north elevation
3727 Water Tank Rd
7. 1/11



1. CARR 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. JUNE 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz FARM - house west elevation
3727 Water TANK Rd
7. 2/11



1. APRR 15/2
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. JUNE, 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz Farm - shed south of house
3727 Water TANK Rd
- 7 3/11



1. CARR 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHAD
6. Bentz Farm - house south elevation
3727 WATER TANK RD

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1. CAR 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz Farm - house east facade
3727 Water Tank Rd
7. 5/11



1. CAR 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheekuk
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHAD
6. Bentz Farm - summer house - north facade
3727 WATER TOWER RD
7. 6/11



1. QALR 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. JUNE, 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz Farm - Barn lot elevation
3727 WATER TANK RL
7. 7/11



1. OPRK 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHPD
6. Bentz Farm - Barn north elevation
3727 Water Tank Rd
7. 8/11



1. CAR 1512
2. Carroll County
3. Madeline Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz Farm - Barn - east elevation
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7. 9/11



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3727 Water Tank Rd

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2. Carroll County
3. Madeline Scheerer
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Bentz Farm - spring, hse south of house
3727 Water Tower Rd
7. 11/11